

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The word "Dakota" means "alliance of friends" in the language of the Native Americans who live in the states of North Dakota and South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln recognized the importance of the meaning of the word "Dakota" by using it to designate a vast area of upper midwestern land as the "Dakota Territory" in 1861; and,

WHEREAS, "Dakota" was used by President Benjamin Harrison in designating the names of two new states--North Dakota and South Dakota--when he created them in 1889; and,

WHEREAS, Millions of immigrants and visitors from all parts of the world have experienced feelings of friendship with the Indian and non-Indian people of the Dakotas whenever they have come to the Dakota to live or to visit; and,

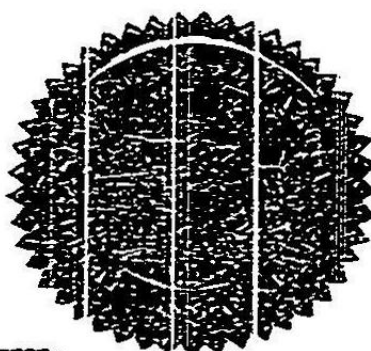
WHEREAS, Governor Buddy and Patti Roemer recognized the beauty and significance of the word "Dakota" in giving the name "Dakota" to their son; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the people of South Dakota to express gratitude to the Roemer family for naming their son "Dakota" and congratulate Dakota on his ninth birthday:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. NICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 10, 1990, as

DAKOTA ROEMER DAY

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

Joyce Hazeltime
JOYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-First Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

George S. Nickelson
GEORGE S. NICKELSON, GOVERNOR